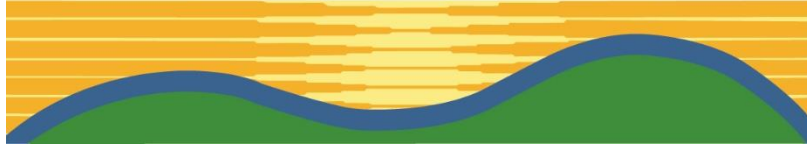


MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2019

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT MITCHELL CIVIC
CENTRE, 113 HIGH STREET BROADFORD ON
12 MARCH 2019**

THE MEETING OPENED: 2.00pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cr Annie Goble	Central Ward
Cr David Atkinson	Central Ward
Cr Bob Humm	Central Ward

Cr Bill Chisholm	North Ward	(Chairperson)
Cr Rhonda Sanderson	North Ward	
Cr Fiona Stevens	North Ward	

Cr David Lowe	South Ward
Cr Rob Eldridge	South Ward

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr David Turnbull	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Nicole Maxwell	Acting Director Governance and Corporate Performance
Ms Mary Agostino	Director Advocacy and Community Services
Mr James McNulty	Acting Director Development and Infrastructure
Ms Lidia Harding	Governance and Corporate Accountability Coordinator

1 WELCOME AND GOVERNANCE DECLARATION

The Mayor formally opens the meeting with an acknowledgement of country and welcomes all present.

The Mayor acknowledges the traditional owners of the Taungurung Nation and pay his respect to their Elders past and present, and its emerging and future leaders.

The declaration was read by Cr D. Atkinson.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: CR. D. ATKINSON

SECONDED: CR. A. GOBLE

THAT

THAT the apology for this meeting received from Cr B. Cornish be accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

In accordance with section 79 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Cr D. Atkinson declared an indirect conflict of interest in item 4.1 Hogans Hotel, Wallan Application for an increase of 20 electronic gaming machines as his spouse submitted an objection to this application.

4 ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

4.1 HOGANS HOTEL, WALLAN APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE OF 20 ELECTRONIC GAMING MACHINES

Cr D. Atkinson left the meeting 2.03PM

Author: *Rebecca Sirianni - Advocacy, Social Policy and Partnership Coordinator*

File No: *PL/03/030*

Attachments:

- 1. Mitchell Shire Council Electronic Gaming Machine (EGM) Policy*
- 2. Social and Economic Impact Assessment prepared by SGS Economics & Planning*
- 3. Social and Economic Impact Assessment prepared by Urbis*
- 4. Expenditure Report prepared by ShineWing*
- 5. Community and organisation submissions*

SUMMARY

On 2 January 2019, the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR) notified Council an application had been lodged with them from Hogans Hotel, Wallan Pty Ltd (Applicant) for approval for an additional 20 electronic gaming machines (EGMs). If approved, this would increase the existing number of EGMs at Hogans Hotel (Hotel), 92 High Street Wallan from 45 EGMs to a total of 65 EGMs at the venue.

The VCGLR oversees the conduct of gambling in Victoria and is the statutory authority to determine whether an application for a gaming license should be granted. Under the Gambling Regulation Act, Council has until 12 March 2019, to make a submission on this application. A submission by Council to the VCGLR is required to address the social and economic impact of the proposal on the community of the municipality.

Council's Electronic Gaming Machine (EGM) Policy (refer to Attachment 1) states EGMs can be the source of significant adverse social and economic consequences with flow on impacts to their families and the wider community.

To ensure Council adopts an informed decision in response to this application and in line with Council's adopted EGM Policy, an independent Social and Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA) has been prepared by SGS Economics and Planning (refer to Attachment 2).

This report and attached documentation concerns itself only with the VCGLR gaming licencing application. The Applicant has lodged a planning permit application with Mitchell Shire Council for building and works to extend and renovate sections of the Hotel including the restaurant, kitchen and lounge areas. This application is subject to a separate assessment and timeframe process to that of the VCGLR gaming licence.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**MOVED:** CR. R. ELDRIDGE**SECONDED:** CR. R. SANDERSON**THAT** Council:

1. Note an application has been lodged with the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation from Hogans Hotel Pty Ltd, Wallan for an additional 20 electronic gaming machines, with the following supporting documentation:
 - A) Social and Economic Impact Assessment, December 2018 (Urbis Pty Ltd)
 - B) Expenditure Report, December 2018 (ShineWing Australia Pty Ltd)
2. Note and consider the independent Social and Economic Impact Assessment prepared by SGS Economics and Planning in relation to the gaming licence application for an additional 20 electronic gaming machines at Hogans Hotel, Wallan.
3. On the basis of the evidence presented in the independent social and economic impact assessment prepared by SGS Economics and Planning, Council oppose the gaming licence application at Hogans Hotel Pty Ltd, Wallan for an additional 20 electronic gaming machines and:
 - A) Follow the statutory process as outlined by the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation
 - B) Submit the SEIA to the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation advising Council does that not support the application for an additional 20 electronic gaming machines at Hogans Hotel, 92 Wallan High Street
 - C) Be represented at the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation public hearing (legal representation and expert witness) to present its case.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr D. Atkinson returned 2.13PM

5 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was declared closed at 2.14PM.

Confirmed this Monday, 18 March 2019

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**Chairperson
Mayor, Cr Bill Chisholm**